

SENATE BILL 2472  
By Woodson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-20-114, relative to disqualification from public office of public officials convicted of felonies or infamous crimes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-20-114, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as new subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) to the contrary, any person convicted in a state or federal court of a felony or an infamous crime committed while such person is holding an elected public office of this state or any political subdivision thereof shall be forever disqualified from qualifying for, seeking or holding such office or any other elected office of this state or any political subdivision thereof, if such offense was committed in such person's official capacity or involved the duties of such person's office. The provisions of this subsection shall apply even if such person's citizenship rights have been restored but this subsection shall not be construed as limiting the restoration of any individual's right of suffrage provided for in §§ 2-2-139, 2-19-143, or 40-29-105.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to criminal offenses committed on or after that date.